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SUBJECT: PM WILLIAMS COMMENT ON BAHAMAS

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1. PM WILLIAMS HAS LONG OPPOSED INTRODUCTION OF CASINO GAMBLING INTO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO BECAUSE OF FEAR OF POSSIBLE INFLUX OF INTERNATIONAL GAMBLING INTERESTS AND OTHER UNSAVORY ELEMENTS. IN RAMBLING SPEECH TO A PNM RALLY IN TOBAGO JULY 29, WHICH WE PRESUME IS ONE IN QUESTION, HE USED BAHAMAS AS EXAMPLE OF BAD INFLUENCE THAT CAME WITH LARGE SCALE GAMBLING. WILLIAMS APPARENTLY QUOTED A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF JUNE 2, SAYING BAHAMIANS SAY, (I WOULD NOT CALL THE MAN'S NAME) MADE POLITICAL GIFTS THAT RECIPIENTS NOW FIND EMBARRASSING. AN INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR WHO IS FACING SERIOUS CHARGES IN THE UNITED STATES IN RESPECT OF HIS FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND WHO HAS BEEN

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MOVING AROUND BETWEEN CENTRAL AMERICAN AND THE WEST INDIES.

IN THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES,
THE BAHAMAS OCCURS WITH A REGULARITY THAT IS NOTHING SHORT OF
EMBARRASSING TO THE ENTIRE CARIBBEAN. JUNE 2ND, A
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES IN OPERATION
IN THE BAHAMAS, THE OPERATIONS INCLUDING GIFTS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES.
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